

JANE'S CHEESE STRATA WITH HAM *or chicken*

We had a rather similar recipe a few months ago but without ham. Please also note that the strata must be made the day ahead and refrigerated overnight. It's a delicious dish for buffet or a luncheon.

12 slices crustless bread cubed

1 stick margarine melted

Cut crusts from bread and cut 3 ways down, 3 ways across. Toss cubes in melted butter and lay in a 9x13 casserole.

12 ounces sharp Cheddar cheese cubed.

Mix with bread in the casserole.

In a big bowl whisk together:

6 eggs

1 quart milk

1/2 teaspoon Dijon mustard

1 teaspoon salt

Dash cayenne pepper

Now add at least 2 cups of cubed cooked ham (or whatever you have left over!) Pour into the casserole and refrigerate, covered overnight. Next day, bake for 1 hour, uncovered, at 325 degrees.

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